



# News Release

## *Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex*

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## Wildlife Refuge Proposes Changes to Hunt Fees - Open for Public Comment

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex) is proposing to change the hunt fee structure for the deer management hunts conducted on Refuge land and are seeking public input.

Currently, for each hunting season, a \$5.00 non-refundable application fee would apply to lottery hunts for archery and firearm hunting for the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge in Charlestown, RI and the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge on Block Island.

The proposed permit fee structure is as follows: archery and firearm deer hunting permits on the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge during their respective seasons and will cost \$20.00. However, Applicant's ages 12 – 17 years participating in the annual Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge youth hunt are not subject to fees, but they still need to submit an application and are subject to all RI DEM State and Federal hunting regulations. There will be no change in the fee structure for the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge.

The refuge is considering going to this fee structure to make it more cost-effective by off-setting the costs of processing applications, outreach materials, signs and other aspects of administering the hunt program.

Public comments regarding this fee structure must be received by 4:00pm on September 9, 2013. You may submit comments in writing to:

USFWS  
Attn: Deer Hunt Fees  
50 Bend Road  
Charlestown, RI 02813

Or visit our website at <http://www.fws.gov/ninigret/complex/> and click on the "contact us" button to submit your comment.

Any questions you may have regarding this proposed change in fees may be directed to Juancarlos Giese, Deputy Refuge Manager at (401) 364-9124 extension 18.

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